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THE HAUNTED ZONE

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YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THIS, SONIC? YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THE HAUNTED ZONE!

THAT ONCE A YEAR ON HALLOWE'EN THE GHOSTIES AND GOBLINS COME OUT TO PLAY...YEAH, TAILS, I KNOW!

LISTEN, I PROMISED MYSELF I'D SPEND HALLOWE'EN NIGHT HERE SOMETIME... AND NOW'S THE TIME!

ANYWAY, NOBODY ASKED YOU TO COME ALONG, BUDDY...IF YOU'RE SCARED...

SCARED? NO, I'M NOT SCARED. I JUST THOUGHT IT WAS A WASTE OF TIME, THAT'S ALL!

THERE GOES THE SUN... IT'S HALLOWE'EN NIGHT! IF ANYTHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN IT SHOULD START SOON!

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I ONCE HEARD ABOUT SOME GHOST HUNTERS WHO SPENT THE NIGHT HERE A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO.

YEAH, WHAT HAPPENED?

WELL, THEY WERE SEARCHING NEAR THE MAIN MINE SHAFT. THIS TOWN USED TO HAVE THE BIGGEST GOLD MINE ON MOBIUS, YOU KNOW!

ANYWAY, ONE MINUTE THEY WERE TOGETHER AND THEN ONE OF THEM TURNED AROUND TO ASK FOR A TORCH...

BUT HIS FRIEND HAD *VANISHED!* NOBODY EVER SAW HIM AGAIN! DID YOU *HEAR*, SONIC, I SAID...

AAAAAAAA!

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE, TAILS?

SONIC... THAT *WASN'T* FUNNY!

LIGHTEN UP WILL YOU, PIXEL BRAIN!

THIS ZONE WAS ONCE THE *WEALTHIEST* ON MOBIUS. UNTIL ONE DAY...

YEAH, YEAH! I KNOW THE STORY. THEY DUG INTO SOME *ANCIENT BURIAL GROUND* OR SOMETHING...

BANK

AND THE PLACE HAS BEEN *CURSED* EVER SINCE!

COME ON, LITTLE BUDDY. AFTER EVERYTHING WE'VE BEEN THROUGH TOGETHER, WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET A PLACE LIKE *THIS* GET TO US!

TRUST ME!

YOU *DO* TRUST ME, DON'T YOU TAILS?

OF *COURSE* I TRUST YOU, SONIC!

THEN *PROVE* IT!

P...PROVE IT, *HOW?*

IF YOU TRUST ME, STAND COMPLETELY STILL! DON'T MOVE!

WHAT?

I SAID DON'T MOVE! I'LL SWING THIS STICK AND MISS YOU BY A MILLIMETRE! YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

SONIC WAS AIMING TO HIT ME! IF I HADN'T MOVED...

YOU MOVED! THAT MEANS I CAN'T TRUST YOU!

BUT THAT'S OKAY, NOW I'VE GOT MYSELF SOME NEW FRIENDS!

TAKE THIS *AMULET**, SONIC... YOU ARE ONE OF *US* NOW.

* SOMETHING THAT IS WORN TO KEEP EVIL AWAY.

NO!

AH, I'VE WANTED TO DO THAT FOR *YEARS!*

THWAK!

I AM NOW ONE OF YOUR *KIND!*

NOW TO TAKE CARE OF THE CUTE LITTLE FOX!

SONIC, THE *EVIL* IN THIS TOWN... SOMEHOW IT'S TAKEN CONTROL OF YOUR *MIND!*

IT'S NO GOOD, HE ISN'T LISTENING TO ME!

I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY, I NEED TIME TO *THINK!*

TAILS THINKS.

AND THINKS.

I'VE BEEN HERE FOR *HOURS* AND I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO! IT MUST BE NEARLY *MIDNIGHT* BY NOW!

MIDNIGHT! HALLOWE'EN *ENDS* AT MIDNIGHT!

I ONLY HOPE I'M NOT *TOO LATE!*

SONIC, IT IS ALMOST TIME FOR US TO RETURN TO THE *UNDERWORLD!*

ARE YOU *READY?*

I'M READY!

THEN COME WITH US!

NO! STOP!

TOO *LATE!*

NEVER!

THAT NECK CHARM... I WONDER.

HUH?

NO! HE MUST WEAR THE CHARM OF DESPAIR OR HE CANNOT ENTER THE UNDERWORLD!

TOO LATE...OUR TIME IS OVER...UNTIL NEXT YEAR!

UH? WHA...WHAT'S HAPPENING?

ARE YOU OKAY?

HEY, WHAT TIME IS IT? TAILS, DID YOU LET ME FALL ASLEEP? NOW I'LL NEVER FIND OUT THE TRUTH ABOUT THIS PLACE!

BUT SONIC YOU WERE...

YOU DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT TONIGHT, DO YOU?

I REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN'T EVEN HELP TO KEEP ME AWAKE! WHAT ELSE IS THERE?

OH NOTHING, SONIC... NOTHING AT ALL.

END

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PART 2

AMY OUT OF TIME

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DIMENSION-HOPPING THROUGH TIME AND SPACE, **AMY AND TEKNO** HAVE ARRIVED IN EARTH'S **WILD WEST** IN 1870. HOWEVER, THINGS AREN'T AS THEY SHOULD BE!

COLONEL GRANITE! YOU DON'T BELONG IN THIS TIME PERIOD!

THAT MAY BE TRUE, BUT ***YOU*** DON'T EVEN BELONG ON THIS ***PLANET***, ALIENS!

I SEE YOU'RE AS ***NARROW MINDED*** ABOUT US AS THE TIME WE MET LAST YEAR, COLONEL!

IT'S MY ***JOB*** TO ***PROTECT*** EARTH AGAINST INVADING ***SPACE MONSTERS*** LIKE YOU TWO!

CHARMING! WE'RE JUST ***VISITORS*** TO EARTH! WHAT'S ***YOUR*** EXCUSE FOR BEING HERE, A ***CENTURY*** BEFORE YOU SHOULD BE?

QUITE SIMPLY, I'M ABOUT TO BECOME ONE OF THE MOST ***IMPORTANT FIGURES IN HISTORY!***

I'VE BEEN DIVERTING MILITARY FUNDS TO SECRETLY DEVELOP *TIME TRAVEL*! MY SUCCESS MEANS THAT I CAN NOW ESTABLISH A *BASE* HERE IN THE YEAR 1870!

AND I BET IT'S NOT A BASE FOR A *HOLIDAY VILLA*, RIGHT?

CORRECT! WITH THEIR ADVANCED WEAPONRY, MY *ARMY* FROM 1998 WILL INVADE *AMERICA*!

" THE PEOPLE OF THIS TIME WILL BECOME MY *NEW SUPER ARMY*! ARMED WITH FUTURE TECHNOLOGY, THEY WILL SWEEP ACROSS VICTORIAN ENGLAND... BRITAIN... EUROPE... THE FAR EAST... ESTABLISHING *ME* AS *MASTER OF THE WORLD!*

HE'S *NUTS!*

MMM, WHICH IS WHY THE *RING OF ETERNITY* SENT US HERE! LET'S GET TO WORK...

HAH! A MUTATED RODENT AND A CONFUSED CANARY THINK THEY CAN STOP *ME? FINISH* THEM!

UH OH.

NOT IN MY TOWN, YUH DON'T!

WHO-?

PTYANNG!

SHERIFF! IN THE NICK OF TIME!*

ZAP HIM!

*OUR HEROES MET THE SHERIFF LAST ISSUE.

TIME TO REPAY THE FAVOUR, SHERIFF!

OOOF!

NOOO!

I THOUGHT THE *STEAM ENGINE* WAS IMPRESSIVE, BUT THIS BEATS THE LOT!

1998, I PRESUME?

UGHH!

COLONEL, DO YOU WANT TO BE SENT BACK IN TIME AGAIN?

NO, THERE'S BEEN A CHANGE OF PLAN!

YOU'RE A COMPUTER GENIUS, TEKNO! SO LOAD THE CO-ORDINATES FOR *PLANET MOBIUS* INTO OUR SYSTEMS... OR *AMY* SUFFERS!

WHY?

I'M USING THE MACHINE TO INVADE *MOBIUS* AND *WIPE OUT* YOU ALIEN WEIRDOS!

DON'T DO IT, TEKNO! *OW!*

DON'T WORRY... IT'LL BE FINE!

IMPRESSIVE! THE ALIEN HAS SET THE TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR HER PLANET, COLONEL!

EXCELLENT!

IT'S SET ALRIGHT! *NOW*, AMY!

YOU'VE BEEN HEADING FOR A FALL, COLONEL! ***HI-YAA!***

AAGH!

SLAM!

AFTER THEM! ***SHOOT TO KILL!***

KOOOM!

NO! SHE SET THE SYSTEM TO SELF DESTRUCT! ***AAAGHH!***

THEY ESCAPED... BUT THIS ISN'T THE END! DID WE GET BACK UP, PROFESSOR?

COUGH... YES SIR! WE HAVE A COPY OF THE CO-ORDINATES!

THEN WE ***REBUILD*** THE PROJECT! WHEN WE ARE READY, WE WILL ***INVADE*** PLANET MOBIUS! ***INVADE AND CONQUER!***

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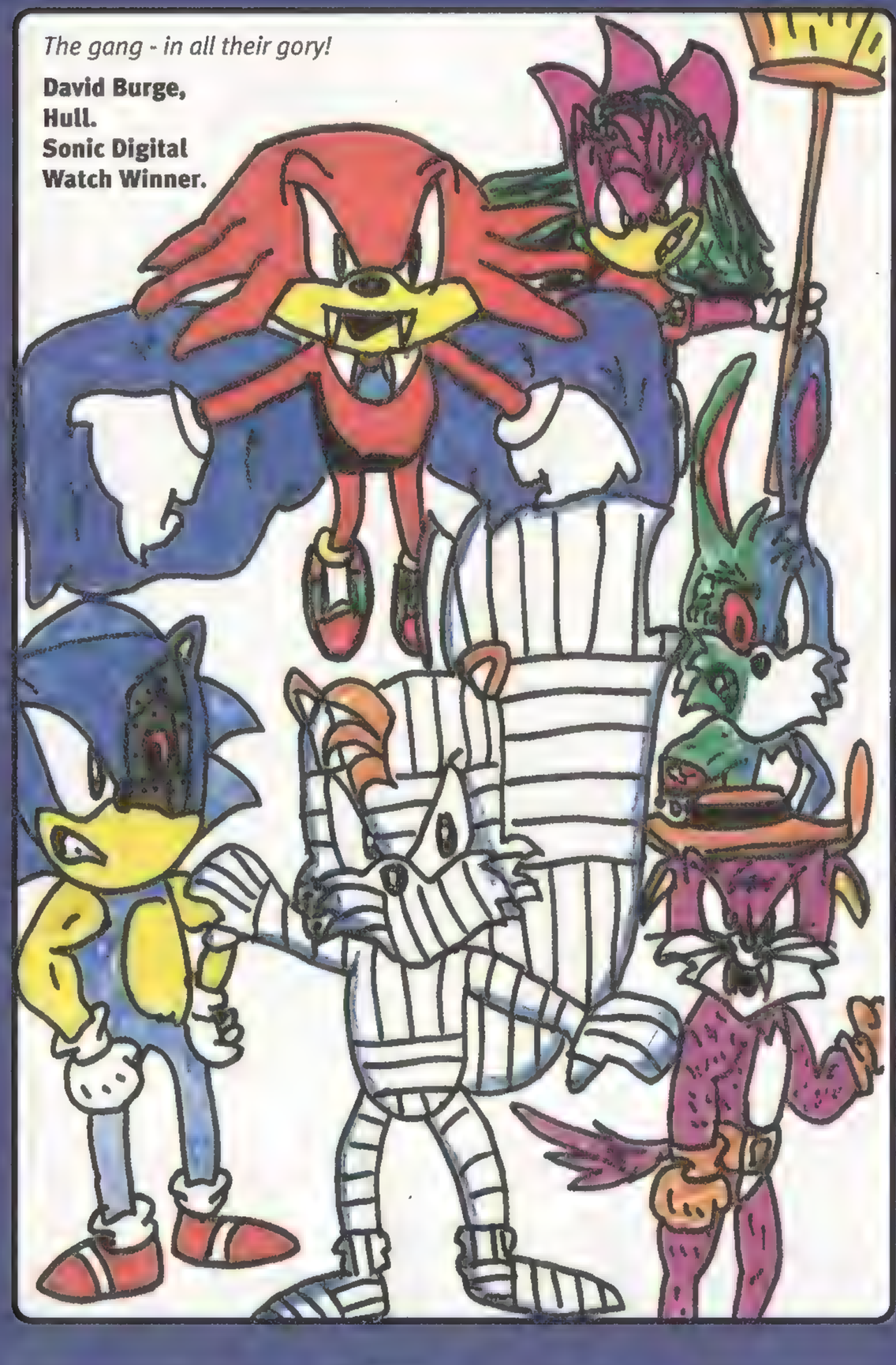

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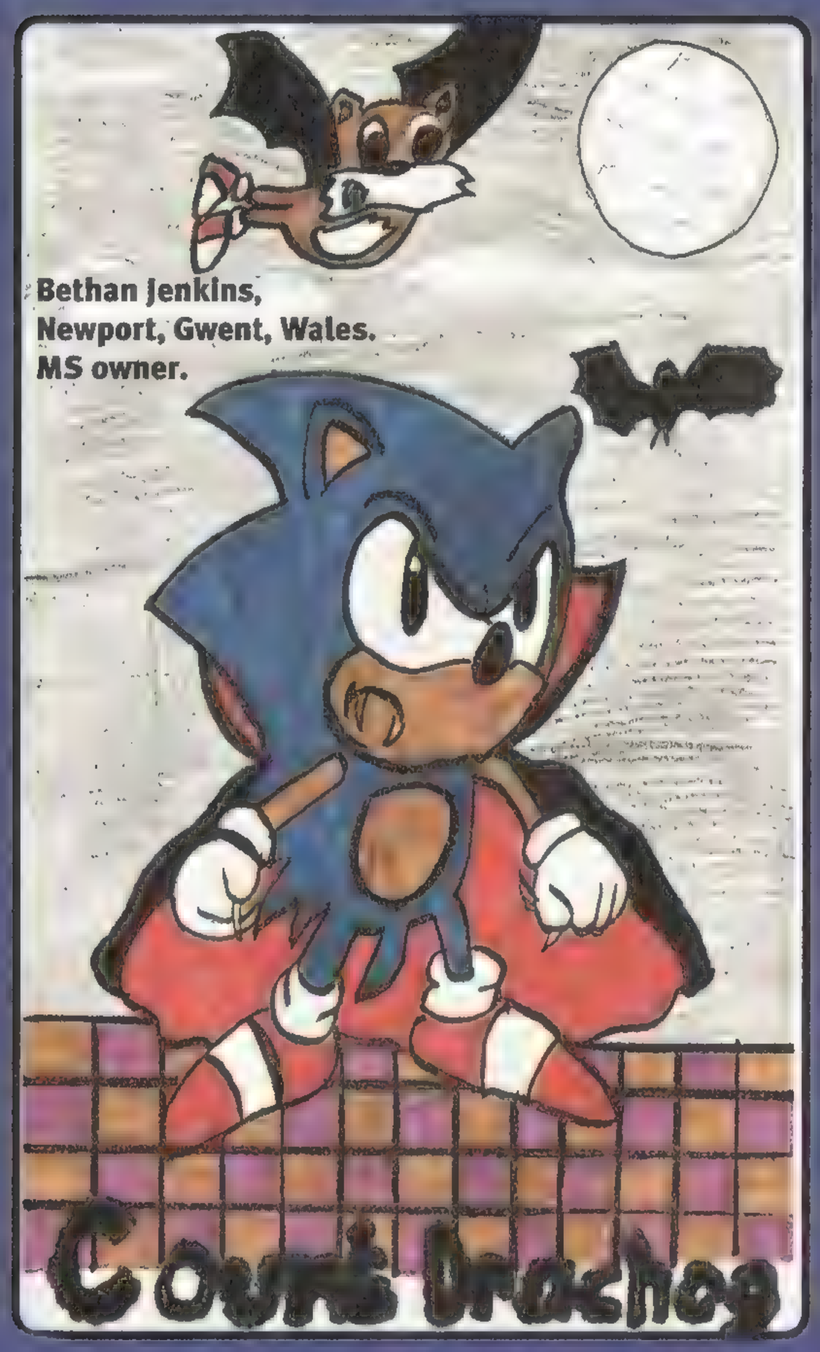

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"ON THE EMERALD HILL ON HALLOWE'EN,
A GHASTLY SIGHT WILL SURE BE SEEN."

"FROM THE PITS OF THE DESOLATE GRIM DEAD ZONE,
NASTY GHOSTS WILL RISE AND ROAM."

"THIS HAPPENS EVERY FIFTY YEARS,
WHEN THE **SKELETON CREW** PLAY ON OUR FEARS!"

THAT IS JUST A LOAD OF **TWADDLE** ISN'T IT, ZONELEADER?

WELL, I REMEMBER HUSHED WHISPERS ABOUT THEM FIFTY YEARS AGO, SO THEY'RE DUE AGAIN **THIS** YEAR!

...AND THEY'RE LIKELY TO TURN UP IN THE MOST **UNEXPECTED** PLACES

BOO!

AAAGHH!

HAPPY HALLOWE'EN!

YEEEK!

WELL, HI THERE!

NYAAAHHH!

AAIIEE! THE LEGEND IS TRUE! THE SKELETON CREW ARE BACK!

WOOOOOOOOO! GET ON DOWN!

DON'T WORRY, FOLKS! I'LL SORT THEM OUT!

IS THAT SO?

YOU CAN'T SORT OUT WHAT YOU CAN'T TOUCH, SONNY!

THEY REALLY ARE GHOSTS!

LIKE IT OR NOT, WE WON'T VANISH UNTIL MIDNIGHT! THERE'S NOT A THING YOU CAN DO TO STOP US!

THEY'LL HAVE SCARED THE LIVING WITLESS BY MIDNIGHT! THEY COULD CAUSE ALL KIND OF ACCIDENTS!

MAYBE THERE IS A WAY!

LISTEN UP, FOLKS! IF THE SPOOKS CAN'T TOUCH YOU, THEY *CAN'T HURT YOU!*

HEY, HE'S TRYING TO SPOIL OUR ONLY NIGHT OF FUN!

FORGET THE REST! LET'S TERRIFY TAILS!

YOU DON'T SCARE ME!

SKULLY! MAKE HIM SPIN OUT OF CONTROL!

PATHETIC!

BLURRGH!

YOU CANNOT ESCAPE US! WE'LL FOLLOW YOU HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD IF WE HAVE TO!

THAT'S WHAT I'M COUNTING ON!

MILE AFTER MILE THE CREW GIVE CHASE, BUT THEN...

N-NO! WE'RE **VANISHING!** H-HOW?

IMPOSSIBLE! WE SHOULD BE HAUNTING UNTIL **MIDNIGHT!**

B-BUT IT ISN'T MIDNIGHT YET! *AAAAAGGGHH...!*

IT IS IN **THIS** PART OF THE WORLD! YOU FOLLOWED ME TO A DIFFERENT **TIME ZONE,** BONE HEADS!

LATER, BACK ON EMERALD HILL...

THANKS, TAILS! I HOPE YOU'RE AROUND IN **FIFTY YEARS** WHEN THEY RETURN!

LET'S GET **TODAY** OVER WITH FIRST!

NOW WE CAN GET ON WITH CELEBRATING **HALLOWE'EN!**

THAT'S THE **SPIRIT!**

NEXT ISSUE: **THE SPARKS FLY FOR BONFIRE NIGHT!**

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Sonic Terminator Part 3

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EVEN FREEDOM FIGHTERS NEED A DAY OFF AND SO IN SONIC'S SECRET UNDER-GROUND BASE...

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS NEW *MARXIO BROTHERS* GAME! I MEAN WHO *CARES* ABOUT THE ADVENTURES OF THREE *ELECTRICIANS?*

SONIC... I THINK SOMEONE'S TRYING TO GET THROUGH TO US ON THE VID-PHONE...

KRKKKK

SONIC! IF YOU CAN HEAR ME COME QUICKLY!

I'M AT NEVER LAKE AND...

NO MORE!

AMY'S IN *TROUBLE!* SOMEONE SMASHED HER TRANSMITTER! SONIC, WE'VE GOT TO DO...

...SOMETHING...

WHAT, A NOTE?

FWOOOSH!

*SONIC USES THE STAR POSTS FOR TRANSPORTING BETWEEN ZONES - MEGADROID.

Dear Guys,
No Star Posts* at the Never Lake so I'll have to leg it. See you there —
Sonic

NEVER LAKE, MINUTES LATER.

WHAT GOES ON? THERE USED TO BE A FOREST GROWING HERE.

WHAT THE..?

THAT'S THE *MIRACLE PLANET!* WHAT ON MOBIUS IS HAPPENING HERE?

SONIC!

SONIC I'M TRAPPED! IT'S TOO STEEP TO CLIMB DOWN!

AMY... I MIGHT'VE KNOWN.

OH SONIC, YOU'VE CUT STEPS INTO THE ROCK. YOU'RE SO BRAVE AND CLEVER AND...

GIVE IT A REST *WILLYA?*

WHAT'S ROBOTNIK *UP* TO? WHY HAS HE ATTACHED *CHAINS* TO THE MIRACLE PLANET? IT LOOKS *DIFFERENT* SOMEHOW...

THAT'S BECAUSE ITS SURFACE IS COVERED IN DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S HORRIBLE *MACHINERY...*

...HE'S GOING TO TURN THE WHOLE PLANET INTO A BASE FOR HIS EVIL OPERATIONS!

THE SUBJECT WAS PLACED THERE BY ME.

WHO..?

THAT'S REAL INTERESTING! NOW TELL ME HOW YOU WERE *DUMB* ENOUGH TO GET STUCK UP HERE!

I AM *METALLIX*, THE METAL SONIC. I SERVE THE GREAT ROBOTNIK...

...AND I AM YOUR DESTRUCTION!

TERMINATION OF SONIC NINETY-EIGHT PERCENT POSITIVE AND RISING.

BUDDY, THAT *TWO* PERCENT IS ALL THAT I NEED!

ERROR... RECALIBRATING... ERROR...

BKKOW!

RRRR!

RE-CALIBRATE *THIS* YOU WALKING TIN CAN!

B-KRAM!

YOW! WATCH THOSE LASERS! NEARLY LOST A SPIKE THAT TIME!

VVIPP!

VIPPP!

I CAN'T SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING... THEY'RE MOVING TOO FAST!

KRAKKK!

SKRATCHHH!

THOOOM!

K-POKK!

OH GOODNESS... IT'S SUDDENLY GONE QUIET. WHAT CAN...

SONIC, *SONIC* IS THAT YOU?

OH...

PROCEEDING... WITH... TERMINATION...

TERMINA...

ERROR... ERROR... TOTAL SYSTEM...

...FAILUUUUURRE...

SONIC! IT'S *YOU!*

THUNK!

SO WHO WERE YOU EXPECTING..?

AMY... DID I EVER TELL YOU... THAT PINK... IS MY *LEAST* FAVOURITE COLOUR..?

OH SONIC, YOU SAY THE CUTEST THINGS!

EEEEIIII!

COOL IT, GIRL, IT'S ALL OVER!

SONIC!

FIST

AARGGHHH!

ANALYSIS : OPERATING ON THIRTY PERCENT ONLY.

CONCLUSION : TACTICAL RETREAT AND FURTHER USE OF LIVE BAIT.

'LIVE BAIT'! I'VE BEEN CALLED SOME THINGS IN MY TIME BUT... OWW!

I DON'T *BELIEVE* IT! THAT GIRL SHOULD RENT HERSELF OUT AS A PROFESSIONAL *HOSTAGE!*

WELL, I SUPPOSE SOMEONE HAS TO RESCUE HER.

BUT WHY DOES IT ALWAYS HAVE TO BE *ME?*

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